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SUBJECT:EGYPTIAN MOVE TO REOPEN UNSC DEBATE ON ME REPORT OF
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REF: USUN 1125 (NOTAL)

1. TO JUDGE FROM REPORTS FROM NEW YORK, FAHMY APPARENTLY
CONTINUES TO MISJUDGE OUR DETERMINATION NOT TO ACCEPT A SUB-
STANTATIVE OUTCOME TO THE SC DEBATE ON WALDHEIM'S REPORT.
OUR OBJECTIONS ARE HEIGHTENED BY THE NEARNESS OF THE ISRAELI
ELECTIONS, AND IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST TO AVOID ACTIONS
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WHICH WOULD WEAKEN MODERATE FORCES IN ISRAEL. GIVEN IMMINENCE
OF IMPORTANT VISITS FROM OTHER ARAB LEADERS, WE MUST REALLY
QUESTION WISDOM OF RESURRECTING THIS ISSUE IN SC AT ALL.
YOU SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH FAHMY TO MAKE ONE
MORE ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE HIM THAT WE HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR
POSITION.

2. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

-- WE UNDERSTAND FROM OUR MISSION IN NEW YORK THAT EGYPTIAN

UN MISSION SEEKS AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE ME DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE EGYPTIAN MISSION DESIRES A CONSENSUS OUTCOME ALONG THE LINES OF THE NON-

ALIGNED DRAFT WHICH WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE TIME THE DEBATE WAS ADJOURNED LATE LAST MONTH, WITH PERHAPS SOME MODIFICATION IN THE PALESTINIAN LANGUAGE.

-- WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT GOE IN FACT INTENDS TO PURSUE SC EFFORT, BUT BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THERE BE NO MIS-UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN US IF THIS IS IN FACT THE CASE. (FYI GHORBAL TELLS US MEGUID TOLD HIM HE HAS INSTRUCTIONS FROM FAHMY TO SLOW THINGS DOWN IN NEW YORK END FYI)

-- THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES ON THIS MATTER HAS NOT CHANGED IN THE INTERIM. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THIS DEBATE, IF IT MUST BE RESUMED AND BROUGHT TO SOME FORMAL CONCLUSION, SHOULD END WITH A SIMPLE PROCEDURAL CONSENSUS ALONG THE LINES OF THE STATEMENT WE DISCUSSED EARLIER WITH THE EGYPTIANS.

-- FOR REASONS WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH FAHMY ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, WE WILL NOT ACCEPT SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS IN A STATEMENT OF THE KIND PROPOSED IN MARCH DRAFT CONSENSUS.

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-- THE EGYPTIANS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO VOTE AGAINST SUBSTANTIVE LANGUAGE, EVEN IF IT CONFORMS TO POSITIONS WE HAVE TAKEN EARLIER IN OTHER CONTEXTS. WE WOULD DO THIS TO PRESERVE OUR POSITION AS MIDDLE-MAN IN THE PRESENT EFFORTS TO RECONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

-- FINALLY WE MUST QUESTION BASIC WISDOM OF ANY DECISION TO RESURRECT THE ISSUE IN SC, WITH CERTAINTY THAT LIBYANS AND POSSIBLY OTHER STATES ANTAGONISTIC BOTH TO U.S. AND EGYPT WILL SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEMPT TO DRIVE WEDGES BETWEEN U.S. AND ITS ARAB FRIENDS, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PERIOD WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER IS MEETING WITH HUSSEIN, ASSAD AND FAHD.

3. USUN SHOULD TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY SIMILAR VIEWS TO EGYPTIAN AND FRENCH PERMREPS. WITH THE FRENCH YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE HOPE THEY WILL USE THEIR INFLUENCE

WITH EGYPT TO UNDERSCORE THE DAMAGE THAT COULD RESULT TO
OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS IF EGYPT PERSISTS IN
ITS EFFORTS.
CHRISTOPHER

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